

Kentucky Historic Resources Individual Survey Form (KHC 91-1)

County Lewis
Resource # LW30
Related Group # _____
Intensive Doc. _____ /
Evaluation U /
Destroyed _____ /

For instructions, see the Kentucky Historic Resources Survey Manual.

- *1. NAME OF RESOURCE (How Determined): 1/
Davis Firebrick Company House
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2. ADDRESS /LOCATION:
Tin Can Alley, Firebrick KY
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3. UTM REFERENCE:
Quad Name: Friendship
Date: 1974 Zone: 17
Easting: 3/2/1/9/4/0
Northing: 4/2/8/3/9/8/0
Accuracy: A
-
4. Owner/Address: GEORGE ANDERSON
GENERAL DELIVERY
FIREBRICK KY 41137
-
5. Field Recorder /Affiliation:
Lynn David/MSU
-
6. Date Recorded: 10/9/95
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7. Sponsor: KHC
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8. Initiation: 1/Grant
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9. Other Documentation/Recognition:
☐ Survey ☐ HABS/HAER
☐ KY Land ☐ Local Land
☐ NR ☐ R & C
☐ NHL
Other: _____
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10. Original Primary Function: 0/1/A
Residence
-
11. Current Primary Function: 0/1/H
Storage
-
- *12. Construction Date: 5/ 1880s *estimated*
1111 *documented*
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- *13. Date of Major Modifications: (Specify)
2/ new doors in 1960s
2/ rear shed addition in 1970s
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14. Construction Method/Material:
X/X /double boxed *Original*
_____ / _____ *Subsequent*
-
15. Dimensions
Height 2 Width 26' Depth 13' 10"
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- *16. Plan:
A / 2 story single pile first
V / saddle bag second
_____ / _____ third
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17. Stylistic Influence:
4 / Victorian; 9 / other first
_____ / _____ second
_____ / _____ third
-
18. Style Development:
R/ first _____ / second _____ / third
-
19. Foundation:
Type: 1/Pier Material: B/brick *original*
2/continous c/cement block *replacement*
-
20. Primary Wall Material:
2/vertical wood *original*
W/asphalt siding *replacement*
-
21. Roof Configuration/Covering:
Configuration: A/ side gable Covering: 0/ unknown *original*
_____ / _____ 5/ asphalt *replacement*
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22. Condition: P/
-
23. Modification: 1/
-
24. Negative File #: 95/11/19-23LD 95/9/24LD

Write Recount on back of all prints



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Davis Firebrick Company House
Firebrick, Ky

1. Davis Firebrick Company owned by Edwin H. Davis, was an active plant as late as 1912 when the History of Lewis County, Kentucky states: "There is a brick plack at Fire Brick of large capacity....", [Ragon, 20].

Davis sold the company to Portsmouth Granite Brick Company. The Kentucky Geological Survey of 1913 stated the following about the Portsmouth Company in their annual report:

Portsmouth Granite Brick Company, located 2 miles west of South Portsmouth near the mouth of Indian Run. The plant was originally equiped as a fire brick plant. The fire clay was obtained on Dry Fork of Schultz Creek 7 miles to the southeast in Greenup County. On account of the poor quality of fire clay used and the expense of getting it to the plant, it was finally sold to the present company and converted into a paving brick plant.....The bricks are repressed in a power press and the name "Granite Block" imprinted on each brick.

[Kentucky Geological Survey, 681-2]

In 1929 the Peebles Paving Brick Company bought the plant. The company was later renamed the Peebles Roofing Tile Company, but filed for bankrupcy in June 1934. [Lewis County Book 56 page 63].

Ragon, O.G. History of Lewis County, Kentucky, 1912.

Hoeing, J. B. Kentucky Geological Survey 4th Series Vol I Part II. Frankfort: The State Journal Company, July 1913.

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According to a Tri State Land Office Plat map included in the Lewis County Deed Book 69 page 352 this house sat on lot 20 owned by Edwin H. Davis Property and was originally conveyed to Chester Loaker. Subsequence transactions show the following owners of the property in the following order: A.J. Blizzard, Wilford Mattox, Mrs. Lillian Wicker and her daughter, Patty Carpenter, wife of present owner George Anderson.

The property is one of three identical company houses still standing on the road, but has had no remodeling as have the other two and so is the best representative of the Fire Brick company houses. The Anderson house and one other are located on the south side of the road and the third is on the north side. Mr. Anderson now lives in a new house on the north side across from the company house, but located on the same lot as another company house which he tore down to build his modern ranch house.

[Note: Today the alley is named for a well at the end of the road filled with tin cans. Originally the lane was called Poker Hollow.]

12. The double boxed house has 6/6 hand blown glass lights and saw marks on the wood which may mean an earlier date of constructions of circa 1850 or the panes and wood may have been reused from an earlier building. More research is needed to determine the date of the building.

13. Bath added in 1960s.

16. Originally there was only a step up to the door. Porch was probably added with second two story single pile which converted house into Saddlebag. Wood burning fireplaces are still in place on the second floor.

24.

